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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Every day in communities across the country, our neighbors volunteer their time with quality mentoring programs to be a person of positive influence and direction in another person's life – a consistent, supportive and guiding hand to others. At its most basic level, mentoring works because it guarantees a person that there is someone who cares about them and that they are not alone in dealing with life and its challenges.

Quality mentoring programs are proven to build relationships that help improve and attain academic achievement, personal growth, professional success, and provide skills to better navigate life challenges. People with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college, achieve independence, progress in their careers, and lead fulfilling and rewarding lives.

A mentor is a caring supporter who devotes time and effort to another person.

Although mentors can fulfill any number of different roles, all mentors have the same goal in common: to help people achieve their potential and discover their strengths.

Mentors are an invaluable part our community, and their efforts have a lasting impact on the people they mentor.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim January as National Mentoring Month throughout the County of Los Angeles in honor of all who give generously of themselves by mentoring others as tutors, coaches, teachers, volunteers and friends.

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